

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the relationship with the parent case.

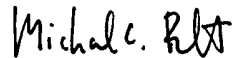
Claims 1–6 stood rejected in the parent case but have been canceled here without prejudice.

Claim 7 has been amended from the parent case for clarity purposes. Claim 7 and its dependent claims 8–12 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 13–25 were deemed allowable in the parent case, and their subject matter here should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct those fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/CODA:002USC1/MCB.

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